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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richard W. Wien, et al

USE OF DERIVATIZED NANOPARTICLES TO MINIMIZE GROWTH OF MICRO-ORGANISMS IN HOT FILLED DRINKS

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Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as

follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.